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Title IX and Clery Act 101

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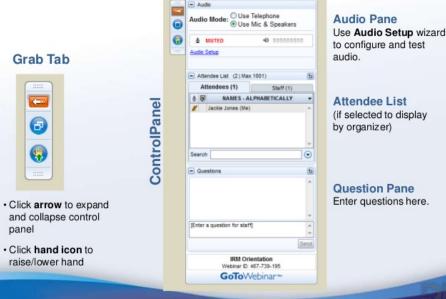
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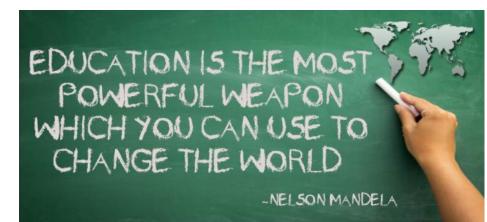
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Relevance of This Topic

• Title IX guidance may be rescinded or changed...

... so why does this webinar still matter?

- Knowledge is important
 - Knowledge is power





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RESPONDING TO OUR STUDENTS WITH COMPASSION WHILE FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATIONS TO PROMOTE A SAFE COMMUNITY

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Hello, Colleagues and Friends!



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"Very great change starts from very small conversations, held among people who care."

- Margaret Wheatley



Ground Rules

- Listen actively
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing
- Challenge the idea, not the person
- Participate fully
- Value honesty and openness
- Create a respectful and safe space

Objectives for Today

- Increase knowledge of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking
- Gain a better understanding of federal legislation, specifically Title IX and the Clery Act
 - Understand employee roles in reporting and responding to sexual violence



Important & Relevant Legislation

- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (1974)
- Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics (Clery) Act (1990)
- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (1994, reauthorized 2000, 2013)
 - Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act (2013)



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Discussion

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Basic Definitions



Defining Sexual Violence

Sexual Assault: any sexual contact or activity which occurs without consent

What is consent?

Defining Consent

Consent is an:

- o informed
- o decision
- o freely and
- o actively given through
- o explicit communication
- o a willingness to participate
- o in a mutually agreed upon sexual activity.

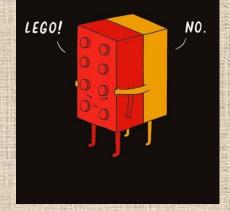


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Defining Consent Cont'd

Consent cannot be implied by or inferred from:
Silence, passivity, or lack of active resistance alone;
Permission for another form of sexual activity;
A previous sexual, romantic or marital relationship; or
An existing sexual, romantic or marital relationship

Defining Relationship Violence

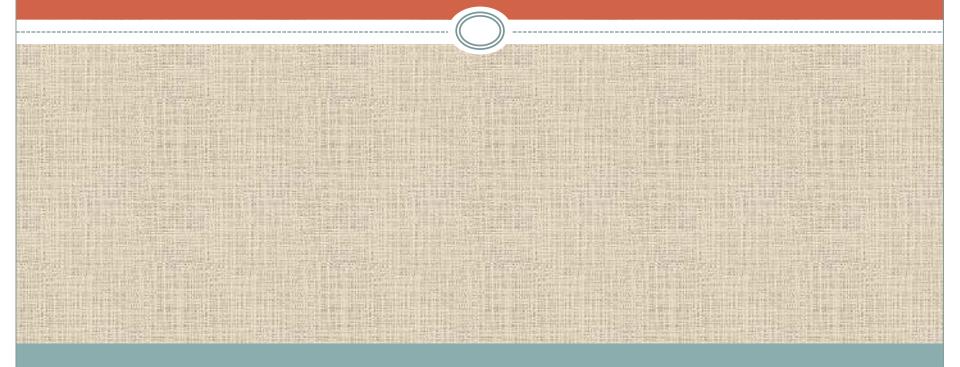
- Relationship Violence: a pattern of manipulative behavior aimed to gain power and control over an intimate and/or romantic partner
- <u>Types of Abuse</u>
 - Physical Abuse
 - Emotional/Verbal Abuse
 - Resource Abuse
 - Spiritual Abuse
 - Sexual Abuse/Assault



Defining Stalking

Stalking: a course of conduct directed at a specific individual on two or more occasions that would cause a reasonable person to feel afraid or experience substantial emotional distress

Federal Legislation



Overview of Legislation & Guidance

Title IX (1972)
"Dear Colleague" Letter (OCR,2011)
Campus SaVE Act/VAWA 304 (2013)
"Dear Colleague" Letter (OCR, 2013)
Questions & Answers (OCR, 2014)

History of Title IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Understanding Title IX

- Prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity which receives federal funds
- Promotes equity in the classroom and beyond
 Protects faculty, staff, AND students





Center for Disease Control and Prevention (2011), Stalking Resource Center (2012). The White House Council on Women and Girls (2014); Krebs et. Al. (2007); Lisak, D. (2011).

Statistics Relating to College-aged Individuals

- Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- Women between the ages of 16-24 are at the greatest risk for sexual assault.
- 20-25% of college women and 6% of college men are sexually assaulted during their college years.
- 90% of college survivors know the person who sexually assaulted them.
- Women and men between the ages of 18-24 are at the greatest risk of experiencing stalking.

Centers for Disease Control (2010); The White House Council on Women and Girls (2014); Krebs et. Al. (2007); Lisak, D. (2011).

Statistics Relating to College-aged Individuals

Rates of stalking among college students exceed the prevalence rates found in the general population:

o 27% of women and 15% of men

- Fremouw, W.J. et al. (1997)

o 25% of women and 11% of men

- Bjerregaard, B. (2000)

 During one 9-month period, 13.1% of college women surveyed reported being stalked

- Fisher, B.S. et al. (2000)

Perpetrators of Violence

- Most victims/survivors know their assailants.
- The vast majority of perpetrators are male.
- Campus assailants are often serial offenders.
- Sex offenses are not reckless. They are at the very least knowing, and often intentional.
- Crossover offending is common.

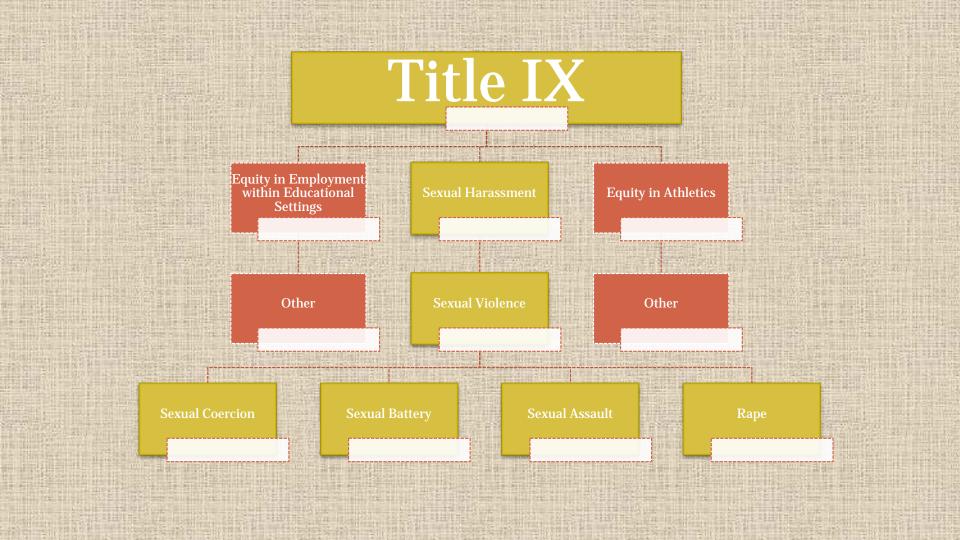
Behavior of Perpetrators

Lisak, D. (n.d.,)

"Dear Colleague" Letter

- Distributed April 4, 2011
- Clearly identified sexual harassment as a form of sex-based discrimination
- Defined sexual harassment and sexual violence
 - Provided guidance for institutions regarding their response to sexual harassment





Sexual Violence Continuum

Sexual Harassment

Unwanted Sexual Contact

Rape

Sexual Assault

Institutional Responsibility

Personal SafetyCommunity Safety



Institutional Obligations

 Take prompt and effective steps to: o end the sexual violence, o prevent its recurrence, and o address its effects Take steps to protect the complainant and wider community Utilize equitable process Provide a grievance procedure to file complaints



Office for Civil Rights (2011).

Obligations Under Title IX

• Grievance procedures must use the *preponderance of evidence* standard to resolve complaints.

-"50% + a feather"

Notify both parties of the outcome of the complaint and appeal rights.

- Complainant and Respondent have equal rights to notification
- Each are informed of appeal rights and action of the other person

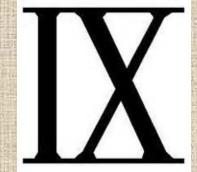
Title IX Coordinator

• A school "shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities" under the law, including the investigation of complaints 34 CFR section 106.8(a)

 A school shall "notify all its students and employees of the name, office address, and telephone number of the employee(s) appointed... 34 CFR section 106.8(a)

Responsibilities of Title IX Coordinator

- Design, oversight, distribution, and implementation of Title IX policies;
- Development and implementation of institution-wide educational programs, including Title IX training;
- Oversight of all Title IX complaints, including:
 - Grievance initiation
 - Interim measures (if necessary)
 - Grievance processing
 - Documentation and notice
 - Non-retaliation provisions



Reporting

Designated contacts for students:

Deputy Title IX Coordinators Vice President for Student Affairs

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Director Multicultural Services

Title IX Coordinator

Security/LE officers

Director of Student Involvement Director of Residence Life

Knowledge & Action

Responsible employee knows

Institution knows

Excerpt from Dear Colleague Letter: Sexual Violence

An Institution Knows When...

- Student discloses primary or secondary experience of violence to a responsible employee
- Student contacts a designated reporting contact to file a report
- Student files a formal report with Title IX Coordinator
- Third party discloses information to a responsible employee, designated reporting contact, or Title IX officer
- Student reports to campus public safety/law enforcement
- Responsible employee witnesses harassment, violence, or abuse
- Responsible employee overhears a conversation regarding an incident of harassment, violence, or abuse
- Responsible employee learns of harassment, violence, or abuse via print, social media, public media, video, etc.

Reporting

What MUST responsible employees do?

• If they learn of an act of sexual violence or misconduct, the institution has been "placed on notice" per Title IX. Must report information to Title IX Officer.



Basic Rule of Thumb

Content to Include in Report

- Include the following information if disclosed:
 - Name of victim/survivor
 - Name of perpetrator(s)
 - Affiliation with another institution
 - Date of incident
 - Time of incident
 - o Location of incident
 - Basic description of incident

What Must Be Reported?

RapeHostile Environment

Sexual Assault

Sexual Misconduct

Quid Pro Quo Harassment

Relationship Violence

Stalking

Gender Violence

Dating Violence

Sexual Harassment

Domestic Violence

Sexual Exploitation

Sexual Violence

Remedies to Consider

- Developing materials on sexual violence
- Conducting bystander intervention and prevention programs
- Conducting a campus climate check to assess the effectiveness of efforts

Institutional Obligations Cont'd

 "In addition to ensuring full compliance with Title IX, schools should take proactive measures to prevent sexual harassment and violence."

Office for Civil Rights (2011).

Retaliation

- [P]rohibits retaliation against anyone who either:

 opposes unlawful discrimination,
 o assists or participates in an investigation of a complaint of discrimination, or
 - exercises that person's rights under any law that forbids discrimination.

Overview: The Jeanne Clery Act





The Jeanne Clery Act, a consumer protection law passed in 1990, requires all colleges and universities who receive federal funding to share information about crime on campus and their efforts to improve campus safety as well as inform the public of crime in or around campus. This information is made publicly accessible through the university's annual security report.



Support for Victims

Under the Act, institutions must provide survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking with options such as changes to academic, transportation, or living, or working situations, and assistance in notifying local law enforcement, if the student or employee chooses to do so. It also provides both parties in a campus disciplinary process certain rights.

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Policies & Procedures

Colleges and universities must outline specific policies and procedures within their annual security reports, including those related to disseminating timely warnings and emergency notifications, options for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, and campus crime reporting processes.

Campus SaVE Act

Transparency
Accountability
Education
Collaboration

42 U.S.C. sections 13701 through 14040 (2013).

Campus SaVE Act: Required Education

Education for incoming students and new employees 2) Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns 3) Annual training for officials conducting investigations and hearings

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Campus SaVE Act: Education Requirements

- Statement prohibiting sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, and stalking
- Definition of each form of violence
- Definition of consent
 - Signs of abusive behavior
 - Procedures following an incident report
- Possible sanctions & protective measures following disciplinary procedure
- Bystander intervention
- Risk reduction

Summary: Programming Content

- Statement prohibiting violence
- Title IX overview
- Definitions of each form of violence and consent
- Effects of trauma and role of alcohol and drugs
- Signs of abusive relationships
- Policies and disciplinary procedures
- Consequences of violating these policies and grievance procedures
- Possible sanctions & protective measures following disciplinary procedure
- Encouragement of reporting
- Primary concern of student safety
- Reporting options and processes and protections against retaliation
- Available resources and services
- Bystander intervention
- Risk reduction

Office for Civil Rights (2011, 2014). 42 U.S.C.

Summary: Programming Categories

- New and incoming students
- National initiatives
- General education and awareness programming:
 - o Policy, procedure, reporting, and resource education
 - o Basic information (i.e. warning signs, statistics, definitions)
- Primary prevention (i.e. bystander intervention, engaging men)
- Risk reduction (self-defense classes, individual tips)
- Passive programming (stall news, poster campaigns, social media)
- Campus climate assessment

Office for Civil Rights (2011, 2014). 42 U.S.C.

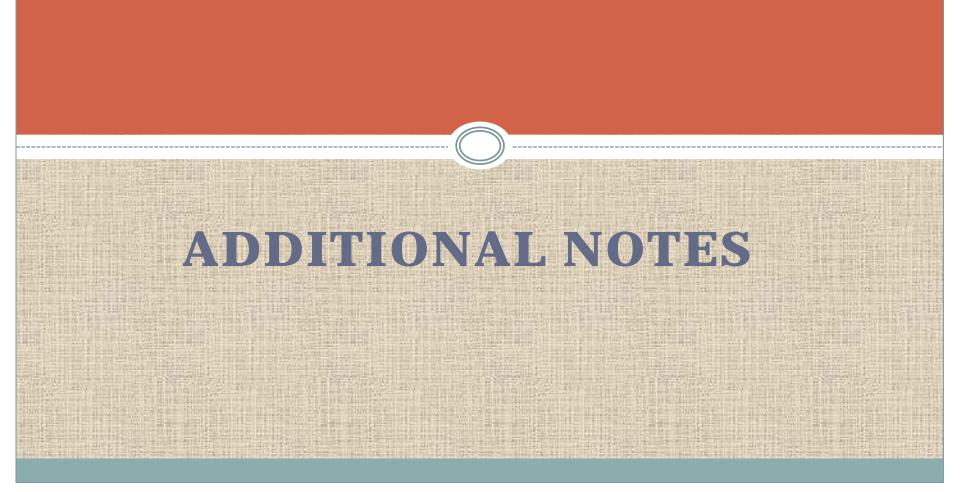
Not Alone Report

 Campus climate surveys Primary Prevention **o** Bystander intervention • Engaging men Effective responses and support Transparency



The White House Task Force to Protect Student from Sexual Assault (2014)





Privacy and Confidentiality

Privacy

Confidentiality

VS.

Delayed and Underreporting

- Fear of not being believed
- Self-blame
- Alcohol use underage
- Don't view ongoing risk to others
- Fear for personal safety
- Fear for retaliation
- Concern for losing social network
- Trauma is too overwhelming or desire to forget
- Lack of memory of incident
- Fear of being identified as LGBT

"One of the most valuable things we can do to heal one another is listen to each other's stories."



National Resources

Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN)24/7 Phone:1-800-656-HOPE (4673)Website:https://ohl.rainn.org/online/

National Domestic Violence Hotline 24/7 Phone: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

Additional Resources on Title IX and Clery

www.aauw.org

www.acha.org/Publications/Guidelines_WhitePapers.cfm

www.titleix.info www.knowyourix.com

www.clerycenter.org www.cleryact.info

www.preventipv.org/materials



Questions

& Answers

Thank You!

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Thank You!

- Please complete the survey you will receive via email
- Join us for our upcoming webinars
 - Alcohol and Sexual Assault (March 21)
 - Engaging Men in Sexual Violence Prevention (April 26)
- Trainings and conference
 - April 10 11 (statewide general conference)
 - September 6 7 (statewide campus-focused conference)



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